

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 7016  
By Ramsey

A RESOLUTION to congratulate Dawn Heterick Werner on being honored as Teacher of the Year.

WHEREAS it is fitting that this General Assembly should pay tribute to those exemplary professionals who have dedicated their careers to making elementary education a relevant and productive learning experience; and

WHEREAS, Dawn Heterick Werner, who teaches at Fairmount Elementary School in the Bristol City School District, is most assuredly one such superlative professional who is deserving of special recognition; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Werner was recently selected as Tennessee's 2005 Teacher of the Year, an honor most befitting her outstanding tenure as a teacher, as it recognizes the positive influence she has had on so many young lives; and

WHEREAS, seeking to provide her students with "a basis for growing and being a productive part of their world," Dawn H. Werner earned a doctorate in education from East Tennessee State University in May of 2005; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Werner has served with acumen and alacrity as a Title I teacher at Fairmount Elementary, in addition to her service as the Parent Involvement Coordinator, the Corrective Reading Director, and as a surrogate parent for special needs children at her school; and

WHEREAS, as the 2005 Tennessee Teacher of the Year, Dawn Werner will advance to the National Teacher of the Year Conference in January, where she will visit the White House and meet with the President and First Lady; and

WHEREAS, Dawn Werner is an extremely talented and compassionate educator who works assiduously to motivate her students to reach their full potential, both as scholars and as

citizens; Ms. Werner truly serves as an inspiration to her colleagues and students alike, and her friendship and counsel are highly valued by those who are fortunate to know her; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Werner truly epitomizes the ideal of the dedicated teacher who is wholly committed to the highest ideals of public service and quality education for all, and she should be specially recognized; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED FOURTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING, that we hereby congratulate Dawn Heterick Werner on being chosen as Tennessee's 2005 Teacher of the Year and honor her for her generous dedication to her students and her community and the positive impact she makes on the lives of her students.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.